

John M. Dole has a long history of significant research, teaching, extension, and outreach contributions to the field of floriculture. His research on production and postharvest handling of cut flowers, cuttings, and poinsettias has garnered an international reputation.

Dole earned his B.S. from Michigan State University and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, both degrees in Horticulture. After serving on the faculty at Oklahoma State University for 11 years, Dole in 2000 began research and teaching at North Carolina State University (NCSU) on flowering physiology, especially pertaining to floriculture crops. In 2004, he became Director of Graduate Programs for the Department of Horticultural Science and then Department Head in 2011.

Dole is now Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at NCSU. He was President of the American Society for Horticultural Science in 2016–2017. Dole is currently Executive Advisor to the Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers, a 1,600-member national organization devoted to the production and utilization of cut flowers.

Dole is one of the founding members of Seed Your Future, whose mission is to promote horticulture and inspire people to pursue careers working with plants. This public-private partnership between universities, the American Society for Horticultural Science, and Longwood Gardens has grown to become a full-fledged national movement and organization.

Dole has authored or co-authored more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles, more than 300 industry publications, and 7 books (including the floriculture textbook *Floriculture Principles and Species*).

Dole is a frequent speaker, having made hundreds of presentations around the country and internationally. He has mentored more than 20 M.S. and Ph.D. students and advised hundreds of undergraduates. Dole received the 2014 Alex Laurie Award from the Society of American Florists and also that year was named a Fellow of the American Society for Horticultural Science.